

ENGLISH GRAMMER

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ARTICLES

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What is an Article?

An Article is a word used to define a noun. Like adjectives, it modifies noun. It defines whether a noun in any sentence or phrase is specific or general.

For example:- 1 Ram has **a** big house

2. My uncle is **an** artist.

3. Where are **the** notes that I shared with you?

TYPES OF ARTICLES

There are two types of articles in English grammar.

1. Definite Article: '**The**' is called the definite article. It defines its noun as something specific. Specific means something previously mentioned or known, something unique, something being identified by the speaker.

For example: I saw **the** thieves who steal jewels.

2. Indefinite Articles: 'A' and 'An' are called indefinite articles. They define their noun as something unspecific, nonparticular or something mentioned for the first time.
for example: John wanted to read a comic book.

How to Use Articles?

1. The - Definite article

(i) Definite article is used before singular and plural nouns when the noun is specific, something is previously mentioned or known or something is unique.

e.g. The movie is based on real life incident.

(ii) It is used before the noun that represents a group or whole class

e.g. The beggars are not always needy

(iv) when the noun is uncounted.

e.g. The water of the ocean.

(iv) It is used before plural countries or plural regions and bodies of water.

e.g. The Ganga is holy river.

The Netherlands.

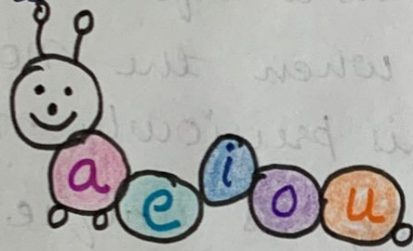
(v) It is used for the things that are only one of a kind in the universe.

e.g. **The** Sun **and** the moon shines bright

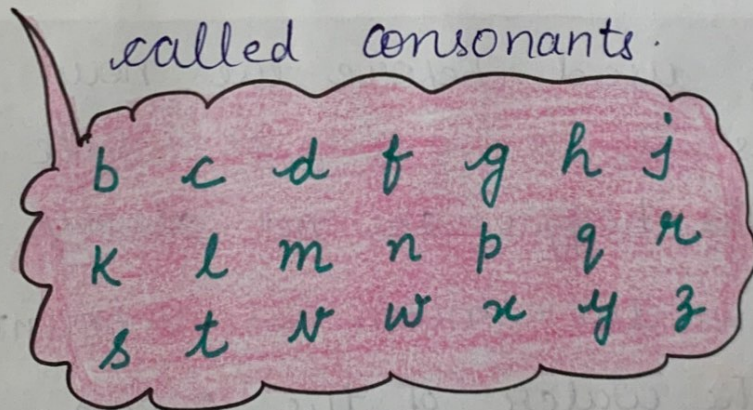
2. A, An - Indefinite Articles.

Before starting Indefinite Articles. Let's revise vowels and consonants.

vowels: There are 26 letters in English alphabets. In which a, e, i, o, u are vowels.



Consonants: rest 21 letters are called consonants.



'A' is used before a consonant word or any vowel with consonant sound.

e.g. **A** man is sitting on the chair.
A university in Delhi. (sound Uooniversity)

(ii) It is used before singular noun with consonant sound.

e.g Her mother is **a** doctor.

She bought **a** computer.

'An' (i) we use 'an' before the words beginning with a vowel or the letter of consonant word with vowel sound.

e.g She is **an** innocent girl.

He is **an** honest man.

In second sentence 'h' is silent and a word we pronounce from 'o'.

(ii) It is used before singular noun with vowel sound.

Easy Instructions for Kids:

1. use **A** and **An** with singular nouns. e.g A car.
2. use **The** with plural nouns. e.g The apples.
3. use **A** if the noun begins with consonant sound. e.g A ball.
4. use **An** if the noun begins with a vowel sound. e.g An Umbrella.
5. Use **The** before the name of person, place and things. e.g The world.

Activity - 1

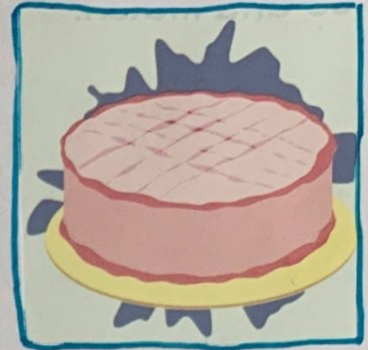
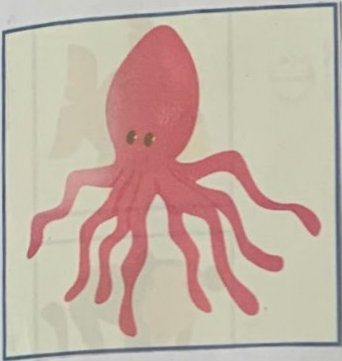
Complete the Sentences with a, an or the.

1. Tom is ___ cat.
2. This is ___ apple.
3. Can you tell me ___ story?
4. She is ___ doctor.
5. He is ___ boy.
6. Mickey is ___ mouse.
7. She gives me ___ orange.
8. I will finish work in ___ hour.
9. The will meet in ___ school.
10. We went to ___ zoo yesterday.



Activity - 2

Match the pictures with right article.



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